

Legislation will provide funds to protect troops overseas and directs more than \$37 million to help keep or create jobs at home

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler released the following statement after voting in favor of the House Defense Appropriations bill that provides American troops with weapons, safety equipment, and training. The bill will also create and save jobs in New Jersey by funding critical projects, including \$30 million for Lockheed Martin's work in Moorestown to improve military defense weaponry.

"Our troops must have the resources to successfully complete their missions in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Congressman Adler, whose district includes Joint Base Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst. "We must support the brave men and women in uniform who keep us safe. This legislation will also help keep and create jobs for New Jersey residents whose work supports our troops."

Congressman Adler announced the following \$37.5 million for important job creation projects in South Jersey.

- Funding for the procurement of one DDG-51 Guided Missile Destroyer and four Littoral Combat Ships, which South Jersey Lockheed Martin scientists and engineers work on.
- \$30 million for Lockheed Martin MS2 in Moorestown for improvements to Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense that will provide enhancements for more complex threats. Lockheed Martin employs approximately 2,300 people from the third district, and about 5,000 statewide.
- \$1million for Dynamic Defense Materials in Marlton for portable armored wall systems that can be rapidly and discreetly deployed to provide high levels of protection. DDM employs approximately four people in our district and this funding would create approximately fifteen more jobs.
- \$2 million for L-3 Communications in Marlton for the development of the enhanced mobile integrated diagnostic and data analysis system to monitor and track patients during transportation. L-3 Communications employs approximately 100 people and this funding would create approximately 10 more jobs.

- \$1 million for SeaBox in East Riverton for the development of a containerized, mobile foundry to the US Army, allowing deployed forces to produce spare and replacement parts in the field. SeaBox employs approximately 150 people and this project would create between 10 - 15 jobs.
- \$2 million for Lockheed Martin MS2 in Moorestown for advanced capability build (ACB) 12 and 14. Lockheed Martin employs approximately 2,300 people from the 3rd District of New Jersey, and about 5,000 statewide.
- \$1.5 million for Specialty Systems in Toms River for the development of a tool control system for voyage repair team that will reduce the cost of fleet maintenance, improve the margin of safety, and improve system readiness. Specialty Systems employs approximately 60 people, and this project would allow the company to add between 5 - 10 new jobs.

The Defense Appropriations bill makes critical investments in the well-being and readiness of our forces. The bill provides a 3.4 percent military pay increase and \$122.4 billion to fully fund the requested end strength levels for active duty and selected reserve personnel. It also supports family advocacy programs and fully funds family support and yellow ribbon programs, providing the necessary support to our military families.